26 February 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Medical Services

SUBJECT : Mammography Utilizing Xero

Radiography

REFERENCE : C/SPD Memo, Same Subject, dated 19 Feb 1975

The proposed initiation of this program and the procedures to be followed in the program are outlined in C/SPD memorandum. I am satisfied that the procedures outlined have been carefully thought out and will serve the best interests of patients and OMS. It is recommended that you approve the program as outlined and that C/SPD memorandum serve as the approved basic document establishing the program and outlining the program policy and procedure.

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Deputy Director of Medical Services

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Medical Services

SUBJECT : Mammography Utilizing Xero Radiography

1. One of the Selection Processing Division's MBO's for FY-75 consisted of exploring the advisability of performing mammography utilizing xero radiography. It was determined this relatively new technique for the early detection of breast cancer would be a most worthwhile addition to the Office of Medical Service's diagnostic armament.

- 2. To utilize xero radiography the following preparations and arrangements have been made:
 - a) Rental contract for the necessary equipment has been obtained;
 - b) Chief, Selection Processing Division has been familiarized with the technique and equipment;
 - c) A female technician has been trained;
 - d) The necessary changes in existing equipment has been accomplished;
 - e) The radiographic interpretation to be performed by qualified WAE radiologists.
- 3. Although no hard and fast guidelines have been established as to the candidates for xero mammography it is intended, at least in the initial phase, for this procedure to be offered on a voluntary basis to the following target groups;
 - a) Dependent wives going overseas in the age group 35 to 50;
 - b) Female employees going overseas who are referred by the Clinical Division;

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- c) Any Agency related individual with a breast mass in need of diagnostic procedures by referral;
- d) Whenever there is a question of referral Chief, Selection Processing Division would require a formal consultation request from an Agency affiliated physician.
- h_{\star} . The proposed format for the examination will be as follows:
 - a) Completion of a history form (copy attached) by the patient;
 - b) Manual breast examination by referring physician or by a physician in Selection Processing Division;
 - c) Xero radiographic breast examination;
 - d) A report of the results be made available to the patient and/or their personnel physician.

5. Chief, Selection Processing Division requests approval by the Director of Medical Services to proceed with this worthwhile procedure as outlined.

Chief, Selection Processing Division Office of Medical Services

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